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1. The Soviet Defense Construction Staff (Sowjetischer Verteidigungsbaustab), Olbrichtstrasse, Leipzig-Gohlis, whose APO is 47 757, employs approximately 200 Soviet soldiers and approximately 300 German civilians. Until recently, the organization was called Soviet Construction Staff; the word "Defense" was added at the request of the FDGB. The hiring, release, and pay rates of the employees are decided by the Russians, although these decisions are reached in close cooperation with the official "Apparatus" (Funktionsapparat) of the FDGB. The chief of this office is First Lieutenant Rackov. His assistants are Russian officers who are all specialists in a given technological field. Rackov's deputy is a Moscow-trained Jew whose name has not been ascertained. He is in charge of the civilian employees. The chief of the plant police and the plant fire brigade*, as well as the leading employees, are former concentration camp inmates who work closely with the MVD.
2. The bookkeeping in the Materialverwaltung (supply division) is done in Russian. The movement of materials is supervised by the MVD agent in the FDGB, Pilz (fnu), but Pilz himself is not allowed to enter the installations to which supplies are delivered.
3. The Bauabteilung** plans the spur lines to military installations and also makes plans for concrete bunkers. All installations along the western zonal border have been established.
4. It is reported that the old aerodrome near Bernburg, and one other which is reported to be further south are in operating order. On the basis of the size of material allotments to these fields, source decides that large bunker installations are in process of construction at these installations.

25X1A * *[Redacted]* Comment: It is not clear whether the plant police and the fire brigade are employed at the installation of the Soviet Defense Construction Staff proper or at other installations.

** *[Redacted]* Comment: Possibly a section of the Materialverwaltung.
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